

STATUS OF CLAIMS

Claims 1-50 are currently pending in the present application.

REMARKS

Objection to the Title

Applicants thank the Examiner for withdrawing the objection to specification.

Information Disclosure Statements (IDS)

Applicants also thank the Examiner for considering disclosed references.

35 U.S.C. §102 (a)

In the Office Action dated October 17, 2005 (the "Office Action"), the Examiner recited "USC 102(a)" on page 2, listed alleged prior art references on pages 3-5, and described various features allegedly taught by the listed prior art on pages 6-7. However, the Examiner did not reject any of the pending claims under 35 U.S.C. §102 (a). Hence, no response is required for statements made by the Examiner on pages 3-7.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-16, 18-28, and 30-50 under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over Microsoft's software product called BizTalk Server 2000. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

The Examiner cited three references as describing various functionalities of BizTalk Server 2000: (Reference A) Microsoft BizTalk Sever 2000-Enterprise Edition Product